

House Resolution 563

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Keen of the 179th

A RESOLUTION

1 Proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that the Governor shall serve
2 a six-year term of office and shall not be eligible to succeed himself or herself; to provide for
3 the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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6 Article V, Section I of the Constitution is amended by revising Paragraphs I, II, and III as
7 follows:

8 "Paragraph I. ***Governor: term of office; compensation and allowances.*** There shall be
9 a Governor who shall hold office for a term of ~~four~~ six years and until a successor shall be
10 chosen and qualified. Persons holding the office of Governor ~~may~~ shall not be eligible to
11 succeed themselves for one four-year term of office. Persons who have held the office of
12 Governor ~~and have succeeded themselves as hereinbefore provided~~ shall not again be
13 eligible to be elected to that office ~~until after the expiration of four years from the~~
14 ~~conclusion of their term as Governor.~~ The compensation and allowances of the Governor
15 shall be as provided by law.

16 Paragraph II. ***Election for Governor.*** An election for Governor shall be held on Tuesday
17 after the first Monday in November of ~~1986~~ 2016, and the Governor-elect shall be installed
18 in office at the next session of the General Assembly. An election for Governor shall take
19 place ~~quadrennially~~ every six years thereafter on said date unless another date be fixed by
20 the General Assembly. Said election shall be held at the places of holding general elections
21 in the several counties of this state, in the manner prescribed for the election of members
22 of the General Assembly, and the electors shall be the same.

23 Paragraph III. ***Lieutenant Governor.*** There shall be a Lieutenant Governor, who shall be
24 elected ~~at the same time, for the same term, and in the same manner as the Governor to a~~
25 four-year term of office and until a successor is elected and qualified. An election for the
26 office of Lieutenant Governor shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in
27 November, 2014, and quadrennially thereafter on said date unless another date be fixed by

28 the General Assembly. Said election shall be held at the places of holding general elections
29 in the several counties of this state, in the manner prescribed for the election of members
30 of the General Assembly, and the electors shall be the same. The Lieutenant
31 Governor-elect shall be installed in office at the next session of the General Assembly. The
32 Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the Senate and shall have such executive
33 duties as prescribed by the Governor and as may be prescribed by law not inconsistent with
34 the powers of the Governor or other provisions of this Constitution. The compensation and
35 allowances of the Lieutenant Governor shall be as provided by law."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 The above proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be published and submitted as
38 provided in Article X, Section I, Paragraph II of the Constitution. The ballot submitting the
39 above proposed amendment shall have written or printed thereon the following:

40 "() YES Shall the Constitution of Georgia be amended so as to provide that the
41 Governor shall serve a term of office of six years and shall not be eligible
42 () NO to succeed himself or herself?"

43 All persons desiring to vote in favor of ratifying the proposed amendment shall vote "Yes."
44 All persons desiring to vote against the proposed amendment shall vote "No." If such
45 amendment shall be ratified as provided in said Paragraph of the Constitution, it shall
46 become a part of the Constitution of this state.